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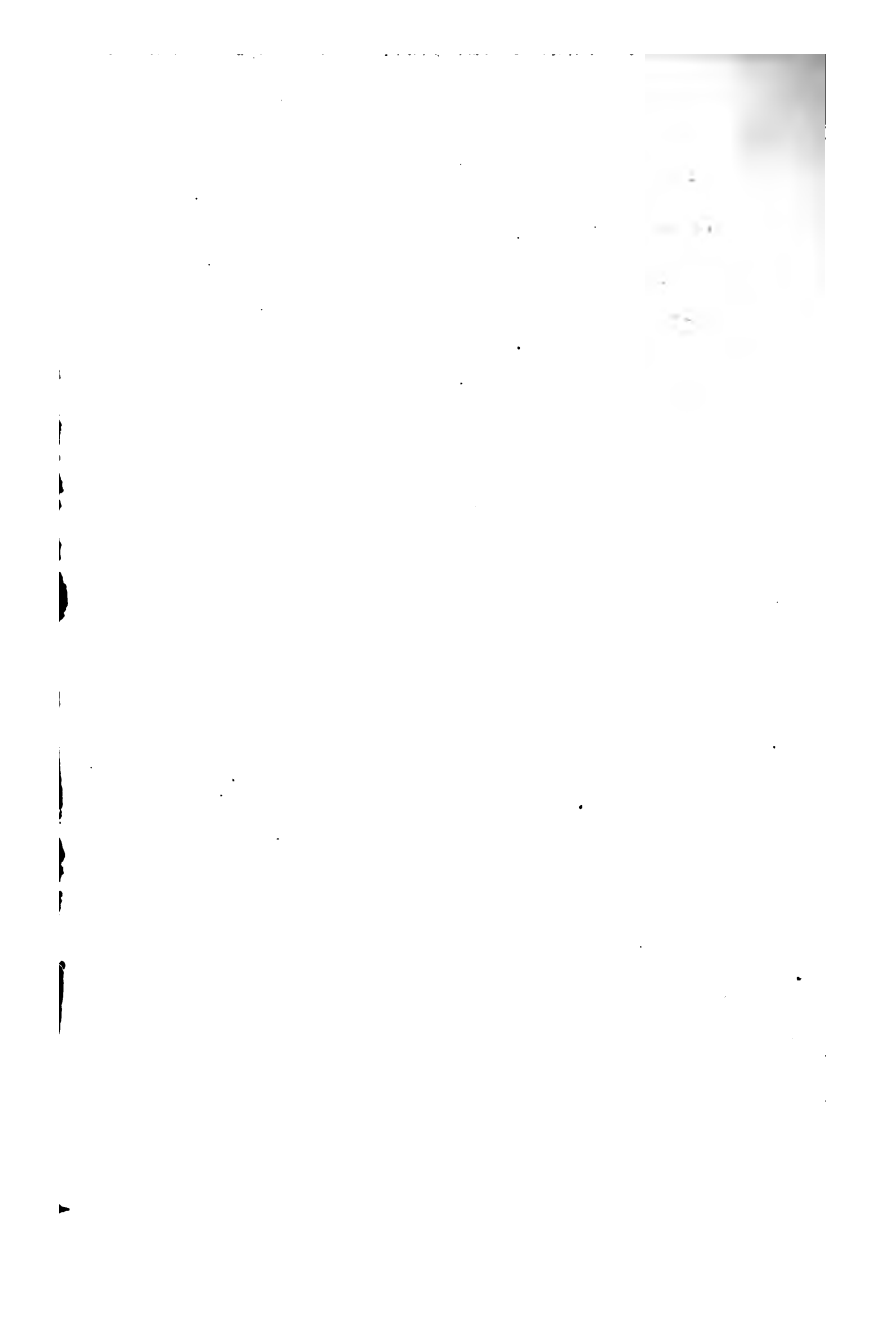
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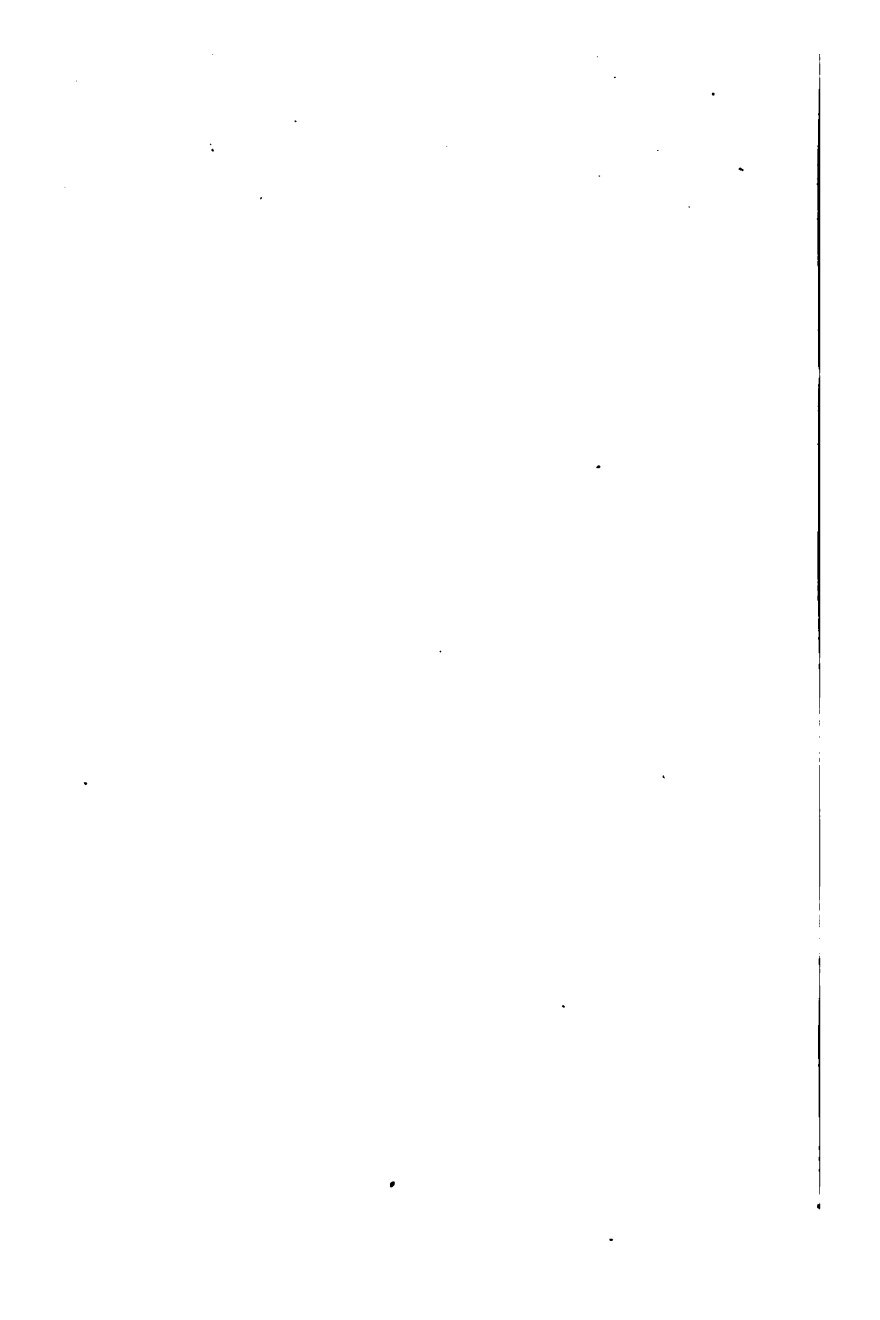




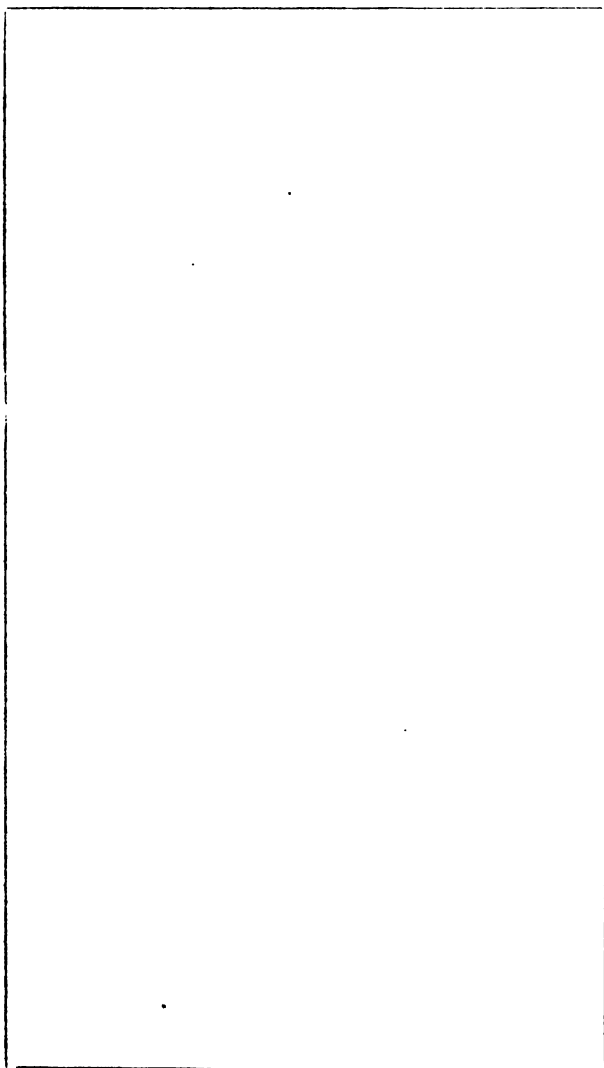
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FAMILY PRAYERS.



FAMILY PRAYERS,

EXTRACTED CHIEFLY FROM THE MANUALS OF

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PREFACE.

I.

PRAYER, considered according to the number of persons who engage in it, divides itself into two kinds. It may be offered by one individual, apart from others. It may be offered by several persons in common. These two kinds of Prayer may be made distinct subjects of thought and practical advice.

Prayer of
two kinds—
individual,
and social.

II.

Accordingly, we find in Holy Scripture distinct counsel given upon each of these duties, and a distinct promise annexed to the performance of each.

Individual prayer,—that in which we represent to GOD the peculiar trials of which our own hearts are cognizant, and implore the graces corresponding to our peculiar needs,—is to be offered in the greatest privacy our circumstances admit of. “Thou, when thou prayest, enter into

Counsels
and Promises
of Holy
Scripture
for either
kind of
Prayer.

“ thy closet, and, when thou hast shut thy door,
“ pray to thy Father which is in secret.”

The promise annexed to the performance of this duty is one appropriate to the method, in which we are recommended to perform it. The prayer has been offered privately; but it shall be recognized and recompensed publicly. “ Thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.”

Agreement among the petitioners is the counsel given for the common prayer of more than one. “ If two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask.” The worshippers shall come to a common understanding as to the subject of their petitions. This might be done by conference before the prayer upon what should be the matter of it,—the form being left to the suggestions of the mind at the moment of engaging in it. Or it might be done (as it is in our own Church) by a Form of Common Prayer, which should be in the hands of all, and which all should agree to employ in common on certain occasions.

Not only is a promise of success made to this kind of Prayer,—(“ it shall be done for them of my Father which is in Heaven”)—but a present blessing is assured to the gather-

ing, however small. There may seem to be only two or three present, but there shall be really a Fourth, invisible to the eye of sense. The Fourth Personage, whom Nebuchadnezzar saw in the furnace, and "whose form was like the Son of God," shall be mystically present, to procure acceptance for the prayer by His Mediation and Intercession. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." It is observable that Christ's Presence is not covenanted to the single, but to the united petitioners. Not but that It would be enjoyed by a single petitioner, approaching GOD in real penitence and faith. But the Lord would have us comprehend that in Him we cannot stand alone—that we are one Body—that His Church, in the midst of which He covenants to be, is essentially a community, composed of several, not of one member. And for this reason, in delivering to us a Form of Prayer, He couched it in the plural; "When ye pray, say, "Our Father," &c.

III.

But we are now in search of the Scriptural Ground for *Family Prayer*.

Considered as simply that kind of Prayer, in which several engage in common, it will fall of

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course—(equally with congregational Prayer)—under the last head.

But we feel that in Family Prayer there is something which the mere idea of Common Prayer does not exhaust. Family Prayer is not simply prayer offered by several Christians in common, but by several who are united by the ties of relationship and dependence. And from the existence of these ties among the petitioners, it takes its peculiar complexion.

Under this aspect, we shall find no special reference to it in the New Testament.

For the precedent of this holy practice, we must refer to the Patriarchal times, when Noah or Abraham builded altars unto the Lord, and assembled their families round those altars. (See Gen. viii. 20.—xii. 7.—xiii. 4.) They no doubt combined with this Family Worship, Family Instruction; officiating not only as Priests, but as Teachers also: "I know him" (says GOD of Abraham) "that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment; that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."

It should be observed here, however, that in those days Family and Congregational Prayer

coincided. *The household of Abraham and Noah was the Church of their day.* And they did not officiate simply as Heads of Families (as a layman conducting Family Prayer officiates now-a-days), but in the capacity of Ministers of that Dispensation.

IV.

It must be admitted then that, so far as its Scriptural ground is concerned, Family Prayer rests upon Old Testament precedents, and that even in these precedents, the Congregational or Ecclesiastical aspect of this kind of worship is not merged in its domestic aspect.

The silence of the New Testament on Family Prayer, considered as the worship of a *Family*, may be accounted for without difficulty. The Gospel takes no cognizance of distinctions of blood, race, or sex. The regenerate are born into a Kingdom, where all natural and secular relationships are merged in the one great Spiritual Relationship subsisting between its subjects, and thrown into the background. It is not as fathers, children, husbands, wives, masters and dependents, that we have any standing in Christ, but simply as baptised believers. If we meet for acceptable worship, we can only meet in *His*

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Name, i. e. in the character of His disciples—in no other character does GOD accept or listen to us. The only Birth then recognized, is not Birth of Bloods, but Birth of God;—the only Service, that of Christ.

Under the Old Dispensation, the Church of God was limited to a particular line or family. Membership in it was hereditary. It was transmitted in the line of Seth, and in the family of Abraham. Hence it is in this part of God's Word that we should expect to find the Family appearing, *as a Family*, in Divine Worship, and social relations recognized in precepts bearing upon that point. Thus, religious rest on the Sabbath is prescribed not merely to the Israelite himself, but "to thy son, and thy daughter, thy manservant and thy maidservant, thy cattle and "the stranger that is within thy gates."

V.

The principles above laid down seem to throw light on some moot points respecting Family Prayer. It is often asked, and differently settled, whether or not a Clergyman being present (and not the head of the family) should conduct family worship? Without arbitrarily deciding such a question, or refusing to

Should a layman officiate at Family Prayer when a clergyman is present?

admit that there are arguments on the other side, we may safely say that the considerations above referred to would lead to an answer in the affirmative. If it is impossible to meet acceptably for Divine Worship, without meeting in the name of CHRIST—(i. e. as His disciples—as members of His Church and subjects of his Kingdom) there seems an impropriety in ignoring the only distinction which subsists in that Kingdom, (that between the Pastor and the people) and recognizing a social relationship, of which the Church knows nothing. A familiar illustration may serve to convey the truth. Under present arrangements, some of our Bishops have no seats in the great council of the nation. It might easily happen however that one of these should be by birth a temporal peer, and in that character sit in the House of Lords. Not sitting there *as a Bishop*, his episcopal character would not be recognized. He would not, it may be presumed, conduct the Worship with which the debates are opened, nor wear the episcopal habit. In Convocation, on the other hand, which is the Council of *the Church*, his secular dignity disappears; he sits there as a Bishop, and takes precedence, not according to his rank, but according to the date of his consecration. The

application is obvious. When the family are assembled *simply in the character of a family*, (as, for example, round the domestic hearth at Christmas), the head of the family takes precedence of all, whatever may be the position of some of the members in other circles, or in other connexions. But, in assembling for Divine Worship, the character in which they come together is *primarily that of Christians*. And no sooner does their spiritual relationship to CHRIST come into the foreground, than the distinctive character of the Minister of Christ steals out into the field of view (like a star into the evening twilight), and demands recognition.

It is on very similar grounds that we would advocate the abolition of all marks of rank in Churches, and the placing of the poor, as to the convenience and decoration of their sittings, on an entire level with the rich. In God's sight the poor are heirs of the Kingdom, and the rich can be no more.

On these principles it is that the compiler of the following forms of Family Prayer has recognized in several of them the Ministerial Office, by inserting forms of Absolution and authoritative Benediction. He has felt that any public approach to God, seeing that it is made by men

as *members of the Church*, ought to avow and recognize the divinely constituted Organization of the Church. If no Bishop or Priest be present, these forms must of course be omitted, or converted, by a slight accommodation of their phraseology, into Prayers.

VI.

It might be hastily concluded, by those who have followed the preceding argument, that, as we have Congregational Worship, and the family (when it appears before GOD and approaches the Throne of Grace) only does so as part of the Church—Family Prayer might be dispensed with altogether, and merged in the worship of the congregation.

But this would not be sound reasoning.

Our natural relationships and various connexions in life are *GOD'S appointment*,—His appointment in Nature and Providence, if not in Grace. If they do not constitute the ground on which we approach Him,—if our standing towards Him (as redeemed and believing sinners) is clear of these ties—*yet we may not ignore them before Him*.

We must seek to sanctify *every* relation of life in which we stand,—we must not let our

Why we should cultivate Family, as well as Congregational, Prayer.

religion stand apart as a thing by itself, but seek to bring it into all our connexions and mutual interdependencies. It is not to resemble an isolated piece of water, which we visit at intervals, simply to refresh ourselves by the sight of its stillness and beauty, but rather a stream which is converted by artificial channels to domestic uses,—a stream wherewith the mechanic turns his wheel, and from which a thousand reservoirs are supplied, to minister a necessary of life and an article of convenience to many families. Similarly, united prayer is not to stand apart in the Church, or to be considered too sacred for use beyond the consecrated precincts, but to be derived into every relation of life, and to fill with spiritual refreshment and fertility every department of the social organization. The due sanctification of the family tie imperatively demands that the Christian should gather his family around him for united worship.

VII.

Is a Liturgical or non-Liturgical Form preferable in Family Prayer ?

As to the form which it is expedient to adopt in Family Prayer, it would seem that the Liturgical is preferable to that of one long prayer recited by the person officiating. By assigning to all the congregation some oral part, the

attention is more likely to be kept awake ; while the frequent breaks in the Service, and the short prayers, give better opportunities of resuming the attention, if its thread has been snapped, than would be afforded by one long, unvaried, unbroken strain of Prayer.

But there is no need here to adduce arguments in favour of a Liturgical form ; for it may be presumed that by Churchmen, at least, they are generally admitted. Do we honestly and sincerely prefer a Liturgy to any other form in our Churches ? Then, why not in our houses ? The family is but a small congregation of Christians. Why should the "church in thy house" worship on another plan and system, than the church in the LORD'S House ? If in the Places "where GOD records his Name," it is good that the mind should be relieved by interchange of confession, intercession, supplication, thanksgiving, and praise,—that the people should audibly bear their part, and not devolve upon the Minister the whole of the Divine Service, as if it were something to be done for them rather than by them,—why should the same principle of proceeding be less desirable, when the external scene is changed, and the Hearth becomes the Altar ?

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VIII.

But it may be asked:—"As the Prayers of the Church are confessedly so excellent, why not use an abbreviation of them at Family Prayer; (for example, the Confession, Lord's Prayer, Morning or Evening Collects, Prayer for all conditions, and General Thanksgiving) instead of compiling New Forms?" The answer is, that such a plan would be superseded and extinguished by the Daily Service, a practice which has already been revived in many towns, and until the general restoration of which, our Church is not in practice what she professes to be in theory. Those who resort to the Daily Service require other forms for Family Prayer—and this is the case, if not with many whole families, yet with many members of families. It is felt that the employment of the Church's Prayers for the purpose of Family Worship is acquiescing in a meagre mutilation, which runs counter to and interferes with the design of our Ecclesiastical System.

But a still greater objection seems to lie against the plan (though adopted in some otherwise excellent Manuals) of differently arranging (for the sake of novelty) the Prayers of the Liturgy—of tearing a confession from one Service,

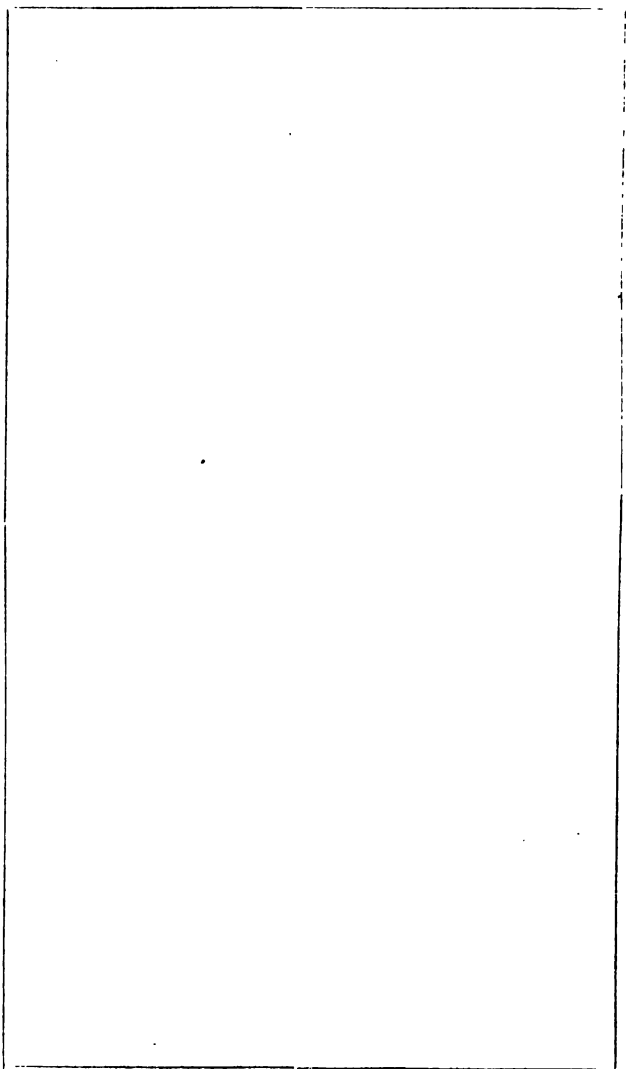
a form of Absolution from a second, a deprecation (mutatis mutandis) from a third, a string of versicles from a fourth, a thanksgiving from a fifth—and of piecing them all together into one Office. To do this (except with the Collects, and some other Prayers which are confessedly of general import) is to ignore the adaptation of the Liturgical offices to the occasions for which they are appointed. And although this adaptation be not always obvious upon the surface, yet real study of an office (and we ought to study the Services more than we do) will scarcely ever fail to bring it out, and make it apparent. It appears to the compiler of this Manual that a nice feeling of taste, and discrimination of the appropriateness of Liturgical petitions, will lead us sparingly to apply them on occasions for which they were not composed. Thus, for example, in the Confirmation Service, the petition, “Let *thy* fatherly hand *ever* be over them” has reference to the imposition of the Bishop’s hand, so soon to be withdrawn. Who, that knows and understands this delicate reference, could be otherwise than offended by the transference of such a petition to a general occasion, on which God’s providential protection might be sued for in these terms ?

It is for similar reasons that we entertain an objection to the employment, on ordinary occasions, of the Confession in the Communion Office. Is there not something that grates upon a true devotional taste, in such an application of a prayer constructed for the regulation of our most solemn approach to God? Is there not in the depth of humiliation, which that form expresses, a designed (and very instructive) contrast with the tone of the Seraphic Hymn, which is so soon to follow? Does it not stand there as a witness that the nearest approach to God, which we can enjoy upon earth, involves the dust and ashes of penitence and contrition? And if so, is it satisfactory rudely to tear it up from its context and connexion, and to transplant it to a soil, with which it has nothing congenial?

It is therefore on the whole thought wisest, as a general rule, to adopt little or nothing from the Church Service beyond the Collects (that is, the prayers confessedly general) and the principles upon which the Daily Services are arranged. That Confession, with the Lord's Prayer, should come first, and Praise follow—and that then the tone of the Office should sink down into quiet Prayer for "the things requisite and necessary" "as well as for the body as the soul"—this is

the outline for the construction of Offices which our Church traces out, and to which it is wise as well as deferential to adhere generally.

The present work is a compilation. There are very few of its component parts, which have not previously appeared in other excellent Manuals. The principal sources from which the compiler has drawn, are Canon (now Bishop) Hamilton's Family Prayers, The Churchman's Manual of Family Prayers, by the Rev. J. H. Swainson, (an excellent work, although in parts open to the objections just discussed) and an admirable Tract of Family Prayer, published by the Christian Knowledge Society. May GOD abundantly bless this and all other endeavours to promote the great end of Domestic Worship "in spirit and in truth"—may He breathe life and soul into this Worship, by causing the worshippers to realize His Presence, Who is in the midst of two or three gathered together in His Name,—and convert it from a barren form, into a real means of grace and spiritual progress.



SUNDAY MORNING.

THE DAY OF THE CREATION OF LIGHT, AND OF
THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR,
AND OF THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

Morning Prayer.

- ¶ *The Confession and Lord's Prayer are in all cases to be repeated aloud after the Person Officiating.*
- ¶ *The Responses and the alternate Verses of every Psalm and Hymn are to be repeated aloud by all but the Person Officiating.*

Confession.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, to do away as the night all our transgressions, And to scatter our sins as the morning cloud: Lord, forgive whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in us during the past week, Wash us thoroughly from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sin, And let Thy Holy Spirit so prevent and accompany and follow us during the week on which we are now entering, That we may believe in Thee, and love Thee, and keep Thy commandments, And continue in Thy fear every day, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Absolution.**A PRAYER FOR REMISSION OF SINS.**

O LORD, we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

M. Lift up your hearts.

A. *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

M. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

A. *It is meet and right so to do.*

¶ *Here all shall stand up.*

A Hymn of Praise.

M. Through the tender mercy of our God : the Day-spring from on high hath visited us.

A. *God is the Lord, which hath shewed us light : bind the sacrifice with cords, yea even unto the horns of the altar.*

M. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory be to Thee : Who as on this day didst create the light, to enlighten the world.

A. *Grant us the light of Thy Truth.*

M. Glory be to Thee, O Lord : Who as on this day didst bring again from the dead that great Shepherd of the sheep, our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. *Lord, raise us up to newness of life.*

M. Glory be to Thee, O Lord : Who as on this day didst send down Thy most Holy Spirit.

A. *O Lord, take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.*

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

A. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

Or,

M. I was glad when they said unto me : we will go into the house of the Lord.

A. *Our feet shall stand in thy gates : O Jerusalem.*

M. Jerusalem is built as a city : that is at unity in itself.

A. *For thither the tribes go up, even the tribes of the Lord : to testify unto Israel, to give thanks unto the Name of the Lord.*

M. For there is the seat of Judgement : even the seat of the house of David.

A. *O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : they shall prosper that love thee.*

M. Peace be within thy walls : and plenteousness within thy palaces.

A. *For my brethren and companions' sakes : I will wish thee prosperity.*

M. Yea, because of the house of the Lord our God : I will seek to do thee good.

A. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;*

M. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Collects and Prayers.

(All kneeling, and the Person Officiating first saying, Let us pray)

I.—FOR GRACE TO PUT AWAY SIN.

ALMIGHTY Father, Who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may alway serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen. (1st Sun. after Easter.)

II.—FOR PREPARATION OF THE HEART TO SEEK GOD.

OUR God, we humbly beseech Thee to purify our hearts from all vain, and worldly, and sinful thoughts; and so to prepare our souls to worship Thee this day acceptably, with reverence and godly fear. O Lord, fix our affections on things above all the day long; and give us grace to receive Thy Word which we shall hear this day, into honest and good hearts, and to bring forth fruit with patience: Hear us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour
Amen.

Or,

O GOD, who hast consecrated this good day to thy Service, give us grace so to observe it, that it may be the beginning of a happy week to us, and that none of thy judgments may fall upon us for profaning it. Mercifully accept the prayers of thy holy Church throughout the world, which shall be this day offered to the Throne of Grace; give us grace to prepare our hearts, that we may serve thee with reverence and godly fear; grant us an awful apprehension of thy Divine Majesty, and a deep sense of our own unworthiness; that so approaching thy Sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, and coming before thee with clean thoughts and pure hearts, with bodies undefiled, and minds sanctified, we may perform a service acceptable to thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.—INTERCESSION.

O LORD, we most humbly beseech Thee to hearken graciously unto the prayers, and accept of the praises which are offered unto Thee this day by Thy Holy Catholic Church throughout the world. Bless, O Lord, Thy whole Church, and that branch especially of it to which we belong; and grant that all who confess Thy holy Name, may agree in the truth of Thy holy Word, and, departing from all iniquity, may devoutly serve Thee in all good works

to their lives' end ; that we with them and they with us, and with all those that are departed in Thy most holy faith, may inherit Thine everlasting kingdom, and enter into that rest which Thou hast prepared for Thy people, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God, blessed for ever. *Amen.*

Or,

MOST merciful Father, we beseech thee to send upon thy servants, the Clergy, thy heavenly blessing ; that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that thy Word spoken by their mouths may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also, that we may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of thy most holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of our salvation ; that in all our words and deeds we may seek thy glory, and the increase of thy kingdom ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Instead of the above three Collects, the following may be used
when brevity is desired

O GOD, who of Thine infinite goodness hast set apart one day out of seven for rest from our labours, and hast mercifully consecrated this good day to Thy service ; give us grace to spend it in a

thoughtful and religious manner ; bless all bishops and pastors of Thy Church, that they may rightly minister Thy Word and Sacraments ; bless Thy people, that they may profit by the same ; and grant that we may all so live here, as to obtain a blessed Sabbath in heaven ; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

[Before the Holy Communion any of the following Prayers may be used]

I.

O GOD, the Searcher of hearts, prepare us to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood with true piety and devotion ; pour Thy grace into our souls, that we may go worthily to so sacred a feast. O Lord, all our desires are before Thee ; we offer to Thee our whole hearts, and all that we have : Lord, regard the wishes, and hear the prayers of Thy servants ; and of Thy great goodness give us what is wanting to help our weakness, for the love of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O GOD, whose blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was made partaker of death for us, that we might be partakers with him of Life Eternal, who also in the same night in which he was betrayed, did institute and ordain holy mysteries, as pledges of his love, and for a continual remembrance

of his death; Mercifully grant that we, with all those who shall this day come to thy Holy Table, may be filled with the Spirit of Grace in the inner man: that drawing near with true penitent hearts and lively faith, we may receive that Holy Sacrament to our present and everlasting comfort; through the same, thy Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

III.

O BLESSED Jesus, Who of Thine infinite mercy hast given Thine own Body and Blood to be our spiritual food, to strengthen and refresh our souls; grant that we may be this day welcome guests at Thy Table; and that, receiving these holy Mysteries with reverence and humility, contrition and devotion, purity and faith, we may so worthily eat Thy Flesh, and drink Thy Blood, that with all Thy saints, who have been well pleasing to Thee from the beginning, we may be made partakers of Thy incorruptible and eternal benefits, which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee, in whom Thou art glorified for ever and ever. *Amen.*

IV.

GRANT, O Lord, that whosoever of this household, being religiously and devoutly disposed, shall, this day, receive the blessed Sacrament of the

Body and Blood of Christ, they may approach that holy ordinance with faith, charity, and true repentance ; and being filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, may to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins and all other benefits of his passion, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirits. *Amen.*

SUNDAY EVENING.

Ebening Prayer.

Confession.

LORD, as we add days unto days, so we add sins unto sins. O heavenly Father, we have this day sinned against Thee ; In thought, word, and deed we have done amiss, And even in Thy House we have provoked Thee to anger. But have mercy upon us, O God, after thy great goodness, And according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away our offences. Forgive the wanderings of our thoughts, and the disorders of our hearts, And lay not to our charge every idle word. Grant that we may truly repent of our careless use this day of the means of grace ; And so teach us to do Thy will, and incline our hearts to love Thee, That we may live this week, and the remainder of our lives, in Thy fear, and to the glory of Thy great Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Absolution.

A PRAYER FOR REMISSION OF SINS.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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A Hymn of Praise.

M. O Lord Jesu Christ, Brightness of the Glory of the Father,

A. *The immortal, holy, heavenly, blessed One,*

M. Having reached the setting of the sun, and beholding the star of the evening,

A. *We praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit of God.*

M. Worthy art Thou at every hour to be celebrated by holy lips,

A. *O Son of God, Thou Prince of Life.*

All together. Therefore the world doth glorify Thee.

Or,

M. The Lord is my light, and my salvation ; whom then shall I fear : the Lord is the strength of my life ; of whom then shall I be afraid ?

A. *When the wicked, even mine enemies, and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh : they stumbled and fell.*

M. Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid : and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

A. *One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require : even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.*

M. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle : yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

A. *And now shall he lift up mine head : above mine enemies round about me.*

M. Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness : I will sing, and speak praises unto the Lord.

A. *Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee : have mercy upon me, and hear me.*

M. My heart hath talked of thee, Seek ye my face : Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

A. *O hide not thou thy face from me : nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.*

M. Thou hast been my succour : leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

A. *When my father and my mother forsake me : the Lord taketh me up.*

M. Teach me thy way, O Lord : and lead me in the right way, because of mine enemies.

A. *Deliver me not over into the will of mine adversaries : for there are false witnesses risen up against me, and such us speak wrong.*

M. I should utterly have fainted : but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

A. *O tarry thou the Lord's leisure : be strong and he shall comfort thine heart ; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.*

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost ;

A. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be : world without end. Amen.*

Collects and Prayers.

(All kneeling, and the Person Officiating first saying, Let us pray)

I.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Son's Name ; We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee ; and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O GRACIOUS God, we pray Thee to have mercy on all mankind: Bless we beseech Thee Thy holy Church; the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, especially those who minister to us; the Queen, and all in authority; our relations, (the children of this family,) our friends and benefactors, the poor, the sick, (especially) the oppressed, and the dying; have mercy, Lord, on all, and grant us grace, each in our several stations, to serve Thee faithfully all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Instead of the above three, the following may be used for brevity.

O LORD, lighten our blind and sinful hearts, enabling them to understand Thy Word which we have this day read and heard; forgive for Christ's sake our infirmities, and grant that our prayers may ascend unto Thy holy tabernacle in heaven, there to be offered before Thy Divine Majesty, sprinkled with the Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace, both now and evermore. *Amen.*

MONDAY MORNING.

THE DAY OF THE CREATION OF THE FIRMAMENT.

Morning Prayer.

Confession.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, to do away as the night all our transgressions, And to scatter our sins as the morning cloud : Lord, forgive whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in us during the past night, Wash us throughly from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sin, And let Thy Holy Spirit so prevent and accompany and follow us during the day on which *we are now entering, That we may believe in Thee, and love Thee, and keep Thy commandments, and continue in Thy fear all the day long, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A Prayer for Remission of Sins.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions ; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us ; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Prayer of Self-Dedication.

WE offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee; humbly beseeching Thee that all we, who are here gathered together in the Name of Thy Son, may be fulfilled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

M. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

A. *And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

¶ *Here all shall stand up.*

A Hymn of Praise.

M. Blessed art Thou, O Lord : who didst as on this day create the firmament of Heaven.

A. *And didst divide the waters which were under the firmament : from the waters which were above the firmament.*

M. It is Thou who hast spread out the sky : which is strong, and as a molten looking glass.

A. *That stretchest out the heavens as a curtain : and spreadest them out as a tent to dwell in.*

M. The heavens declare the glory of God : and the firmament sheweth His handy work.

A. *One day telleth another : and one night certifieth another.*

M. There is neither speech nor language : but their voices are heard among them.

A. *Their sound is gone out into all lands : and their words into the ends of the world.*

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

A. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

Collects and Prayers.

(*All kneeling, and the Person Officiating first saying, Let us pray*)

I.—COLLECT FOR PURITY.

O GOD, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II.—COLLECT FOR GRACE.

LORD, we pray thee that thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.—COLLECT FOR PROTECTION.

O GOD, who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright; Grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Instead of the above three, may be used the following.]

O GOD, who hast commanded that no man should be idle, but that we should all work with our hands the things that is good: look graciously upon Thy servants now going forth to do their duty in that station of life, unto which Thou hast been pleased to call them. May Thy blessing be upon our persons, upon our labours, upon our substance, and upon all that belongs to us. Enable us to resist the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil; to follow the motions of Thy good Spirit; to be serious and holy in our lives; true and just in our dealings; watchful over our thoughts, words, and actions; diligent in our business, and temperate in all things. Give us grace, that we may honestly improve all the talents Thou hast committed to our trust; and that no worldly business, no worldly pleasures, may ever divert us from the thoughts of the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

IV.—INTERCESSION FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

V.—THANKSGIVING.

O MOST blessed and glorious Lord God, who art of infinite goodness and mercy, we thy creatures whom thou hast made and preserved, holding our souls in life, humbly present ourselves before thy Divine Majesty, to offer unto thee our sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving. And, we beseech thee, give us such a sense of thy mercy, as may engage us to a true thankfulness, such as may appear in our lives by an humble, holy, and obedient walking before thee all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honour, world without end. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirits. *Amen.*

MONDAY EVENING.

Evening Prayer.

Confession.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We confess that we have this day sinned against Heaven and in Thy sight, And are no more worthy to be called Thy children : But do Thou pity, and cleanse, and forgive, and save us for Thy dear Son's sake. O remember not how little we have this day grown in grace, and in the knowledge of Thee ; But give us this night true repentance, And hearty desires to serve Thee better all the rest of our lives, And strength to perform the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Absolution.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Answer. *Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this message of peace.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

M. O Lord, open thou our lips.

A. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

¶ *Here all shall stand up.*

Hymn of Praise.

To be repeated by the whole Family after the Master.

GLORY be to God in the highest, the Creator and Lord of heaven and earth, the Preserver of all things, the Father of mercies: who so loved mankind as to send his only-begotten Son into the world to redeem us from sin and misery, and to obtain for us everlasting life. Accept, O gracious God, our praises and thanksgivings for Thine infinite mercies towards us, [especially] and teach us, Lord, to love Thee more and serve Thee better; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collects and Prayers.

(All kneeling, and the Person Officiating first saying, Let us pray)

I.—COLLECT FOR PEACE.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed ; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give ; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

II.—INTERCESSION FOR THE FAMILY.

O LORD, let it be Thy good pleasure to bless our parents, our brothers and sisters, all our relations, and all our friends. Lord, Thou knowest best all our wants and all our desires : do Thou therefore suit Thy graces and blessings to our several necessities of body and soul. We implore thy blessing also upon all the Members of this household, that all in their respective stations may labour to promote thy glory, and to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. Hear us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.—COMMENDATORY.

O GOD, the comfortable repose of Thy servants in hope, and their blissful rest in everlasting possession, we now retiring to rest, confidently resign ourselves, and all that is ours, to Thy ever-wakeful providence; most humbly beseeching Thee that we may rise from our beds with thankful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or,

INTO Thy hands, O Lord, we solemnly commend our souls and bodies, and we beseech Thee to keep us this night in safety under the shadow of Thy wings, and to raise us up to-morrow disposed and strengthened for Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Benediction.

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection I commit you. The Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, in the earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be this night and evermore your defence. *Amen.*

TUESDAY MORNING.

THE DAY OF THE CREATION OF HERBS AND
FRUIT TREES.

Morning Prayer.

Confession.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, to do away as the night all our transgressions, And to scatter our sins as the morning cloud : Lord, forgive whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in us during the past night, Wash us throughly from our wickedness and cleanse us from our sin, And let Thy Holy Spirit so prevent and accompany and follow us during the day on which we are now entering, That we may believe in Thee, and love Thee, and keep Thy commandments, And continue in Thy fear all the day long, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Prayer for Remission of Sins.

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee ; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer of Self-Dedication.

O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy Holy Apostle hast taught us to present our Bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto Thee, which is our reasonable service; we come unto Thee in the name of Jesus Christ, and we devote and dedicate ourselves wholly to Thy Service, henceforth to live only to Thy glory. Do thou the very God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve our whole body, and soul, and spirit blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

M. O Lord open thou our lips.

A. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

¶ *Here all shall stand up.*

A Hymn of Praise.

M. Glory be to Thee, O Lord, who didst as on this day gather together the waters unto one place : and didst command the dry land to appear.

A. *Who didst bring forth grass out of the earth : the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind.*

M. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord : and Thou givest them their meat in due season.

A. *Thou openest thine hand : and fillest all things living with plenteousness.*

M. Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow : they toil not, neither do they spin.

A. *And yet I say unto you that Solomon in all his glory : was not arrayed like one of these.*

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

A. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

Collects and Prayers.

(All kneeling, and the Person Officiating first saying, Let us Pray)

I.—COLLECT FOR LOVE TOWARD GOD.

O GOD, who hast prepared for them that love thee such good things as pass man's under-

standing ; Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.—COLLECT FOR GRACE.

O GOD, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee : Mercifully grant, that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.—COLLECT FOR PROTECTION.

ALMIGHTY God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves ; Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls ; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

[Instead of the above three, may be used the following.]

O LORD, we beseech Thee to give us this day patience in troubles, humility in comforts, constancy in temptations, and victory against all our ghostly enemies ; grant us sorrow for our sins, thankfulness for Thy benefits, fear of Thy judgments,

mindfulness of Thy presence ; let Thy mercy cleanse us from all our sins, and Thy grace bring forth in us the fruits of everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.—INTERCESSION FOR ALL THE BAPTISED.

ALMIGHTY God, who shewest to them that be in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness ; grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same ; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

V.—THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast in all ages shewed thy power and mercy toward those who trust in thee ; we yield thee our unfeigned thanks and praise for thy mercies towards us. We beseech thee to give us such a lively and lasting sense of what thou hast done for us, that we may not grow secure and careless in our obedience, by presuming upon thy great and undeserved goodness ; but that it may lead us to repentance, and move us to be the more diligent and zealous in all the duties of our religion. Let truth and justice, brotherly kindness and charity,

devotion and piety, concord and unity, with all other virtues, so flourish among us, that they may be the stability of our times, and make this Church a praise in the earth. All which we humbly beg for the sake of our blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE LORD defend you with his Providence and Heavenly Grace. May his fatherly Hand ever be over you, and his Holy Spirit ever be with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TUESDAY EVENING.

Confession.

O LORD God, we confess that we have often dishonoured Thy Holy Church, into which Thou hast received us at our Baptism ; And though we have confessed Thee with our tongues, we have denied Thee oftentimes by our actions. We confess, Lord, that our eyes have been often open to let sin in ; That our ears have been often ready to receive sinful discourses ; That we have often let loose our tongues ; That we have yielded our members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin ; That we have defiled our hearts by vain and foul imaginations ; That we have wasted our time and our talents ; That we have not lived answerably to our means of grace ; That we have been cold in devotion, soon weary of prayer, dull and heavy in the way to Heaven, but quick and active in the ways of sin. Accept our confession, O Lord, and make our repentance sincere, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Absolution.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel.

Answer. Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this message of peace.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

M. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

A. And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

¶ *Here all shall stand up.*

A Hymn of Praise.

M. O Lord, to the very darkness Thou givest light: out of the very silence thou bringest forth a voice.

A. In the night thy pillar of fire was set for a beacon unto Israel: in the night thy star was bright with good news unto the Wise men.

M. In the night thy glory shone around the shepherds: and the heavenly host proclaimed the Redeemer, and sang,

A. *Glory be to God on high: on earth peace, good will toward man.*

M. O let me see thy glory, ere I close mine eyes to sleep: let me hear thy voice, ere I sink into forgetfulness.

A. *Assist the meditations of my spirit: enlarge the depth of the thoughts of my heart.*

M. Keep me at thy footstool: my desire is to be ever in thy Presence.

A. *For there is the fulness of joy: there is repose from every trouble.*

M. All thy blessed spirits rejoice in it: angels and thy children of light on earth.

A. *It is the dwelling-place in which their souls are at home: it is the treasury of their light and life.*

M. There they stand before Thee, to praise thy glory and majesty: and their song never ceaseth by night or by day.

A. *Hear my voice, O Lord: grant me boldness and access, O Christ.*

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

A. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.*

Collects and Prayers.

(All kneeling, and the Person Officiating first saying, Let us pray)

I.—FOR PEACE.

O GOD from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

II.—INTERCESSION.

WE call to mind, O God, before thy throne of grace, all who are near and dear to us, and all for whom we are bound to pray, beseeching Thee to remember them for good, and to supply, as may be most expedient for them, all their desires and wants. And we commend to thy mercy all who have wronged us, whether by word or deed, beseeching Thee to forgive them all their sins, and to bring them together with us to thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.—COMMENDATORY SENTENCES TO BE REPEATED
ALTERNATELY.

M. I will lay me down in peace and take my rest.

A. For it is Thou, Lord, only, which makest me to dwell in safety.

M. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day.

A. The darkness and the light to Thee are both alike.

M. Grant me to remember Thee upon my bed, and meditate upon Thee in the night watches.

A. O Thou who never slumberest or sleepest, keep me safely this night under the shadow of Thy wings.

Benediction.

UNTO God's gracious mercy and protection I commit you. The Almighty Lord, who is a most strong tower to all them that put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, in the earth, and under the earth, do bow and obey, be this night and evermore your defence. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

THE DAY OF THE CREATION OF THE SUN, MOON,
AND STARS.

Litany of Jesus.

JESUS, Lamb of God, that takest away the sins
of the world,

Take away our sins.

Jesus, who camest to seek and to save that which
was lost,

Seek and save us.

Jesus, who art exalted to be a Prince and a
Saviour, for to give repentance and forgiveness of
sins,

Give us repentance and forgiveness of sins.

Jesus, who hast invited the weary and heavy-
laden to come unto Thee, that Thou mayest give
them rest,

Give us rest.

Jesus, who art the true Light, that lighteth every
man that cometh into the world,

Give us light.

Jesus, who ever livest to make intercession for thy people,

Intercede for us.

Jesus, who canst be touched with a feeling of our infirmities,

Feel for us.

Jesus, who having been Thyself tempted, knowest how to succour them that are tempted,

Succour us in our temptations.

Jesus, who of God art made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption,

Be all this to us.

Jesus, who art the Resurrection and the Life,

Give us life.

Jesus, who hast promised, that him that cometh unto Thee Thou wilt in no wise cast out,

Cast not out us.

Jesus, whose blood cleanseth from all sin,

Cleanse us from all sin.

Jesus, Son of God,

Have mercy upon us.

Jesus, Son of man,

Have mercy upon us.

From all our sins and offences, and from the punishment due to them,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From hardness of heart, and impenitence; and from contempt of God's holy word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all fretfulness and impatience; from vanity and pride; from self-indulgence and neglect of others,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eye, and the pride of life,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From fear of man, and forgetfulness of God; from the snares of Satan, and the corruptions of our own hearts,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From irreverence and indevotion, from profaning the mysteries of religion, and the means of grace; from repining at Thy dispensations, neglect of Thy warnings, and thankless receipt, or abuse, of Thy mercies,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From a proud, irascible and imperious spirit; from self-confidence and contempt of others; from the love of this present world, inordinate affections, and sensual appetites; and from neglect of the world unseen,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From terrors of conscience; from the fear of death; from unrepented sin; from our ghostly enemies,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the hidings of Thy face; from unpreparedness for death; from distraction and distrust in our last conflict; from the wrath of God and the damnation of hell,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy invitations and Thy promises; by Thy merits and Thy mercies; by Thy servitude and suffering while on earth; by Thy tenderness as man, and Thy majesty as God; by Thy baptism, fasting, and temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Bethlehem, Gethsemane, and Calvary; by the crown of thorns, and the cruel scourge, and the robe of scorn, and the shame and spitting; by the nails and the gall, and the spear; by Thine unknown agony, and bitter passion,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By Thy body broken, and Thy blood shed for us; by the sacramental memorials of Thy love unto death; by Thy coming to save, and Thy coming to judge; by Thy burial and resurrection, and ascension, and intercession; and by all the graces of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In prosperity and adversity ; in wealth and poverty ; in sickness and in health ; in comfort and distress ; in every time of trouble and of need,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In weakness and temptation ; when under provocations and reproaches ; in the loss of friends ; when love is cold, and faith faint ; in our downfalls and declensions ; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

We, sinners, beseech Thee, O Christ, to save us.

That it may please Thee to cleanse us from our sins, and to mortify our corruptions ; to illuminate our judgment, and to sanctify our hearts ; to put the fear of God before our eyes, and the love of God within our hearts ; to endue us with Thy Holy Spirit, and to conform us to Thine own example ;

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to instruct us in our duty, and to enable us to perform it ; to give us a tender conscience, and an earnest spirit ; to uphold us in the slippery ways of the world, and give us sterling integrity of heart ; to save us from the enmity of men, from the malice of Satan, and from our own faults and follies ; to support us in the hour of death, and receive us in the unseen world ; to

enable us to confess Thee before men ; and to confess us before the angels of God.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Keep us as the apple of Thine eye ;
Hide us under the shadow of Thy wings.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Grant us Thy peace.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, hear us.

O Christ, hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day

our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil.
Amen.

M. O Lord, hear our prayers.

A. *And let our cry come unto Thee.*

Benediction.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all evermore. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Confession.

O MOST gracious God, we confess that we have most justly provoked Thy wrath and indignation against us. O Lord, we have angered Thee by the sins of our youth, and the sins of our riper years; By the sins of our soul, and the sins of our body; By our negligences and ignorances; By the evil things we have done to please ourselves, and the evil things we have done to please others; By the sins we know and remember, and the sins we have forgotten; By the sins we have kept secret from others, and the sins by which we have made others to offend. But, O Lord, be not angry with us for ever. Spare us, good Lord, who with true and hearty sorrow confess our sinfulness, And forgive us, we beseech Thee, all that we have done amiss, for his sake, Who died for our sins, and rose again for our justification, and now standeth at Thy right hand to make intercession for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Absolution.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

M. O Lord, open thou our lips.

A. *And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

¶ *Here all shall stand up.*

A Hymn of Praise.

M. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, who as on this day didst create two lights: the greater light the sun, and the lesser light the moon, and the stars also.

A. *Who makest Arcturus, Orion, and Pleiades, and bringest out their host by number : and callest them all by their names.*

M. Thou hast set them in the firmament of heaven : to give light upon the earth.

A. *And to be for signs, and for seasons : and for days, and for years.*

M. The sun cometh forth as a Bridegroom out of his chamber : and rejoiceth as a giant to run his course.

A. *It goeth forth from the uttermost part of the heaven, and runneth about unto the end of it again : and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.*

M. When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers : the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained ;

A. *What is man, that thou art mindful of him : and the son of man, that thou visitest him ?*

M. The days of our age are threescore years and ten ; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years : yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow ; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.

A. *So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost.

A. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

Collects and Prayers.

(All kneeling, and the Person Officiating first saying, Let us pray)

I.—FOR PEACE.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed ; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give ; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

II.—INTERCESSION.

O GRACIOUS God, we pray Thee to have mercy on all mankind : Bless we beseech Thee Thy holy Church ; the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, especially those who minister to us ; the Queen, and all in authority ; our relations, (the children of this family,) our friends and benefactors, the poor, the sick, (especially) the oppressed, and

the dying; have mercy, Lord, on all, and grant us grace, each in our several stations, to serve Thee faithfully all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.—COMMENDATORY.

INTO Thy hands, O Lord, we solemnly commend our souls and bodies, and we beseech Thee to keep us this night in safety under the shadow of Thy wings, and to raise us up to-morrow disposed and strengthened for Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE LORD defend you with his Providence and Heavenly Grace. May his fatherly Hand ever be over you, and his Holy Spirit ever be with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THURSDAY MORNING.

THE DAY OF THE CREATION OF THE FOWLS OF
THE AIR AND THE FISHES OF THE SEA, AND
OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR BLESSED LORD
INTO HEAVEN.

Confession.

WE humbly beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father,
to do away as the night all our transgressions,
And to scatter our sins as the morning cloud : Lord,
forgive whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in us dur-
ing the past night, Wash us thoroughly from our
wickedness and cleanse us from our sin, And let Thy
Holy Spirit so prevent and accompany and follow
us during the day on which we are now entering,
That we may believe in Thee, and love Thee, and
keep Thy commandments, and continue in Thy fear
all the day long, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Absolution.

A PRAYER FOR REMISSION OF SINS.

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy
faithful people pardon and peace, that they may
be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a
quiet mind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

M. Lift up your hearts.

A. *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

M. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

A. *It is meet and right so to do.*

A Hymn of Praise.

M. Glory be to Thee, O Lord: who as on this day didst bring forth out of the waters the moving creature which hath life,

A. *The fowls of the air and the fishes of the sea: and whatsoever walketh through the paths of the seas.*

M. Blessed art Thou, who as on this day didst ascend up into heaven: and didst sit on the right hand of God.

A. *All thy disciples saw thee lifted up: till a cloud received thee out of their sight.*

M. God is gone up with a merry noise : and the Lord with the sound of the trump.

A. *Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors : and the King of Glory shall come in.*

M. This same Jesus who is taken up from us into heaven : shall so come in like manner as they saw Him go into heaven.

A. *Lord, come again and receive us unto thyself : that where Thou art, we may be also.*

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

A. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

Collects and Prayers.

(All kneeling, and the Person Officiating first saying, Let us pray)

I.—FOR A HEAVENLY MIND.

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens ; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II.—COLLECT FOR GRACE.

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people which call upon thee; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.—COLLECT FOR PROTECTION.

O GOD, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.—THANKSGIVING.

O MOST mighty and gracious God, thy tender mercy is over all thy works, and hath in an especial manner been extended towards us. We beseech thee, make us truly sensible now of thy mercy, and give us hearts always ready to express our thankfulness, not only by words, but also by our lives, in being more obedient to thy holy commandments. Continue, we beseech thee, thy goodness towards us; that we whom thou hast saved may serve thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

M. Be Thou exalted, O God, above the Heavens,

A. *And thy glory above all the earth.*

M. Thou, who wast lifted up upon the Cross,

A. *Draw us unto Thee, good Lord.*

M. Thou, who wast lifted up from the Grave,

A. *Make us to know the power of Thy Resurrection.*

M. Thou, who wast lifted up into Glory,

A. *Make us to set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth.*

Benediction.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirits. *Amen.*

THURSDAY EVENING.

Confession.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We confess that we have this day sinned against Heaven and in Thy sight, And are no more worthy to be called Thy children : But do Thou pity, and cleanse, and forgive, and save us for Thy dear Son's sake. O remember not how little we have this day grown in grace, and in the knowledge of Thee ; But give us this night true repentance, And hearty desires to serve Thee better all the rest of our lives, And strength to perform the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Absolution.

A LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him ; Have mercy upon you ; pardon and deliver you from all your sins ; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness ; and bring you to everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

M. Lift up your hearts.

A. *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

M. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

A. *It is meet and right so to do.*

Hymn of Praise.

M. The Lord is king, be the people never so impatient: he sitteth between the cherubims, be the earth never so unquiet.

A. *The Lord is great in Sion: and high above all people.*

M. They shall give thanks unto Thy name: which is great, wonderful, and holy.

A. *The King's power loveth judgement; thou hast prepared equity: thou hast executed judgement and righteousness in Jacob.*

M. O magnify the Lord our God : and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.

A. *Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call upon his Name : these called upon the Lord, and he heard them.*

M. He spake unto them out of the cloudy pillar : for they kept his testimonies, and the law that he gave them.

A. *Thou heardest them, O Lord our God : thou forgavest them, O God, and punishedst their own inventions.*

M. O magnify the Lord our God, and worship him upon his holy hill : for the Lord our God is holy.

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

A. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

Collects and Prayers.

(All kneeling, and the Person Officiating first saying, Let us pray)

I.—FOR THE COMFORT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

O GOD the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven ; We beseech thee,

leave us not comfortless ; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II.—A SHORT LITANY FOR THE VARIOUS GRACES
OF THE HEAVENLY MIND.

M. O Lord, make us poor in spirit : that ours may be the kingdom of heaven.

A. *Good Lord, hear us.*

M. Make us to mourn for sin : that we may be comforted by thy grace.

A. *Good Lord, hear us.*

M. Make us meek, O Lord : that we may inherit the earth.

A. *Good Lord, hear us.*

M. Make us to hunger and thirst after righteousness : that we may be filled therewith.

A. *Good Lord, hear us.*

M. Make us merciful, O Lord : that we may obtain mercy.

A. *Good Lord, hear us.*

M. Make us pure in heart: that we may see Thee our God.

A. *Good Lord, hear us.*

M. Make us peacemakers; that we may be called the children of God.

A. *Good Lord, hear us.*

M. Make us willing to be persecuted for righteousness' sake: that our reward may be in heaven.

A. *Good Lord, hear us.*

M. Make us, O Lord, diligent in our duties, subject to those who are set over us, charitable to one another, and obedient to Thy will in all things.

A. *Hear us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.*

III.—INTERCESSION.

WE call to mind, O God, before thy throne of grace, all who are near and dear to us, and all for whom we are bound to pray, beseeching Thee to remember them for good, and to supply, as may be most expedient for them, all their desires and wants. And we commend to Thy mercy all who have wronged us, whether by word or deed, beseeching Thee to forgive them all their sins, and to bring them together with us to thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.—COMMENDATORY.

O THOU Keeper of Israel, who neither slumberest nor sleepest, preserve us from all evil, and make us to dwell in safety this night, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord by his Providence shield your bodies, and by his Grace your souls, this night and evermore. *Amen.*

FRIDAY MORNING.

THE DAY OF THE CREATION OF MAN, AND THE
BEASTS, AND CATTLE, AND EVERY CREEPING
THING, AND OF THE SACRIFICE OF OUR LORD
UPON THE CROSS.

A LITANY FOR THE PARDON OF SINS COMMITTED
THROUGH THE BODY, AND FOR THE
SANCTIFICATION OF ITS MEMBERS.

M. O Thou, whose Hands for our sakes were
pierced with sharp nails, Whatsoever evil we have by
our hands committed, whatsoever good we have left
unwrought.

A. *Forgive us, good Lord.*

M. O Thou, whose Feet for our sakes were
fastened to the accursed tree, forgive us the swift-
ness of our feet to evil, and their slowness on the
errands of love and mercy.

A. *Forgive us, good Lord.*

M. O Thou, whose Side for our sakes was
pierced with a spear, Forgive us our wandering de-
sires, our vain imaginations, and all the evil thoughts
to which our hearts give birth.

A. *Forgive us, good Lord.*

M. O Thou, who didst bear our sins in thine own Body on the Tree, Forgive us that we have yielded our bodies instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, and grant us grace to present them a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

A. O Christ, hear us.

M. Give us grace henceforth to mortify the lust of the eyes,—to seek out of the Book of the Lord and read,—and to seek out and have pleasure in thy works also.

A. O Christ, hear us.

M. Grant that we may work with our hands the thing that is good, that we may have to give to him that needeth.

A. O Christ, hear us.

M. Give us grace to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to set forth with our feet upon the errands of love and mercy.

A. O Christ, hear us.

M. Grant that no corrupt communication may proceed out of our mouths; but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace to the hearers.

A. O Christ, hear us.

M. Blessed be Thou, O Lord our God and Saviour, for the holy and bitter sufferings of this day! O grant that what Thou wast then content to endure for us men and for our salvation, may be effectual for the saving of our souls. O Thou, who didst vouchsafe to taste death for the sins of every man, mortify in us our members which are upon the earth, even all things contrary to Thy holy will, that we may also be crucified unto the world; and save us, O blessed Jesus, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE very God of Peace sanctify you wholly, and may your whole spirit, and soul, and body, be preserved blameless, unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FRIDAY EVENING.

Confession.

O LORD God, we confess that we have often dishonoured Thy Holy Church, into which Thou hast received us at our Baptism; And though we have confessed Thee with our tongues, we have denied Thee oftentimes by our actions. We confess, Lord, that our eyes have been often open to let sin in; That our ears have been often ready to receive sinful discourses; That we have often let loose our tongues; That we have yielded our members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin; That we have defiled our hearts by vain and foul imaginations; That we have wasted our time and our talents; That we have not lived answerably to our means of grace; That we have been cold in devotion, soon weary of prayer, dull and heavy in the way to Heaven, but quick and active in the ways of sin. Accept our confession, O Lord, and make our repentance sincere, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Or the following,

WE sinners come before Thee, O Lord, not trusting in our merits, but in Thy great mercy and goodness. O Lord, we tremble and fear before

Thee ; for our souls and bodies are stained by many sins. Yet, O Holy Lord God, of terrible majesty, in our misery and trouble, to Thee we turn, the fountain of mercy ; to Thee we fly for healing. Unto Thee, whom we cannot endure as a Judge, our soul crieth as a Saviour. To Thee, O Lord, we show our wounds, to Thee we open our shame. We know that our sins are great and manifold, for which we are afraid. But our hope is in Thy mercies, which cannot be numbered. Look upon us with the eyes of Thy mercy, O Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour. O King Eternal, God and Man, Crucified for men, hear us, hoping in Thee. Pity us, full of misery and sin, Thou that art the Fountain of Pity. Save us, O life-giving Sacrifice, offered for us on the Cross. Save us by Thy precious Blood, which washeth away the sins of the world. Remember, Lord, Thy creatures, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Blood. It grieveth us that we have sinned against Thee. Take away from us, most merciful Father, all our sins and iniquities. Purge us from them perfectly ; and defend us, now and evermore, by Thine Almighty power, from all the enemies of our souls and bodies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Remission of Sins.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their

sins unto thee ; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved ; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

M. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

A. *And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise.*

¶ *Here all shall stand up.*

A Hymn of Praise.

M. Blessed art Thou, O Lord : who as on this day didst make the earth to bring forth beast, and cattle, and every creeping thing.

A. *And didst make man in Thine own image, after Thy likeness : and didst put all things in subjection under his feet.*

M. Blessed art Thou, O Lord our Saviour : who as on this day didst become obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross,

A. *Who hast redeemed us from the curse of the law : being made a curse for us.*

M. Innumerable troubles came about Thee : our sins took such hold upon Thee, that Thou wast not able to look up.

A. *God's indignation lay hard upon Thee : Thou wast vexed with all his storms.*

M. They pierced Thy hands and Thy feet : they stood staring and looking on Thee.

A. *They parted Thy garments among them : and cast lots for Thy vesture.*

M. They gave Thee gall to eat : and, when Thou wast thirsty, they gave Thee vinegar to drink.

A. *Thine acquaintance were put away far from Thee : and Thou wast abhorred of them.*

M. Thou wast wounded for our transgressions : Thou wast bruised for our iniquities.

A. *The chastisement of our peace was upon Thee : and with Thy stripes we are healed.*

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

A. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

Collects and Prayers.

(All kneeling, and the person officiating first saying, Let us pray.)

I.—FOR PURITY.

O BLESSED Jesus, who hast redeemed us unto God by Thy Blood, and hast consecrated us in Baptism to be temples of the Holy Ghost; make us, we beseech Thee, both in body and soul, meet for Thy dwelling place, and for the habitation of Thy Spirit. O Lord, be pleased to cast out of us every thing that defileth, all impure lusts, all worldly affections, and all covetous desires, that our hearts may be houses of prayer and meditation, of holy appetites, and chaste thoughts, of pure intentions, and zealous desires of pleasing Thee, whose we are and Whom we serve, and to Whom be glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

II.—FOR GOD'S REGARDING US THROUGH
THE MEDIATION OF CHRIST.

A LMIGHTY GOD, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross, who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

III.—INTERCESSION FOR THOSE WITHOUT THE
PALE OF THE CHURCH.

O MERCIFUL GOD, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldst the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; Have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Hereticks, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

M. We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous.

A. *And He is the Propitiation for our sins.*

M. And not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

A. *Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable Gift.*

IV.—COMMENDATORY PRAYER.

O GOD, the comfortable repose of Thy servants in hope, and their blissful rest in everlasting possession, we now retiring to rest, confidently resign

ourselves, and all that is ours, to Thy ever-wakeful Providence; most humbly beseeching Thee that we may rise from our beds with hearts thankful, pure, and devoted to Thy service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE peace, which our Lord left to His disciples, be with you all evermore. *Amen.*

SATURDAY MORNING.

THE DAY OF THE REST OF GOD AFTER THE
CREATION OF THE WORLD, AND OF THE REST
OF OUR LORD IN THE GRAVE.

Confession.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness : according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my faults ; and my sins are ever before me. Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight : that Thou mightest be justified in thy saying, and clear when thou art judged. Behold, I was shapen in wickedness, and in sin hath my mother conceived me. But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts : and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly. Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean ; thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness ; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. Turn Thy face away from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds. Make me a clean heart, O God ; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away

from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. O give me the comfort of thy help again, and stablish me with thy free Spirit. Amen.

A Prayer for Remission of Sins.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us: for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

M. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

A. *And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.*

¶ *Here all shall stand up.*

A Hymn of Praise.

M. Blessed art Thou O Lord : who on the seventh day didst rest from all Thy work, and therefore didst bless and sanctify it.

A. *And hast given us Thy holy Sabbaths : to be a sign between Thee and us.*

M. Glory to Thee, O blessed Jesus : who having finished Thy work, didst as upon this day enter into Thy rest.

A. *When they had finished all that was written of Thee : they took Thee down from the Tree, and laid Thee in a sepulchre.*

M. But there Thy heart was glad, and Thy glory rejoiced : Thy flesh also did rest in hope.

A. *For God left not Thy soul in hell : neither suffered he His Holy One to see corruption.*

M. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for Thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.

A. *When my flesh and my heart faileth : be Thou the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.*

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

A. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

Collects and Prayers.

(*All kneeling, and the Person Officiating first saying, Let us Pray.*)

I.—A PRAYER FOR BURIAL TOGETHER WITH CHRIST.

GRANT, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with him; and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful Resurrection; for his merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.—A COLLECT FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; we most humbly beseech thee most mercifully to receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all they who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear;

beseeking thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

III.—THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY God, and heavenly Father, who of thy gracious Providence, and tender mercy towards us, hast preserved and blessed us hitherto; we most humbly praise and magnify thy most glorious Name for thy unspeakable goodness towards us. We confess it has been of thy mercy alone, that we are not consumed: for our sins have cried to heaven against us, and our iniquities have justly called for vengeance upon us. But thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. Let the consideration of this thy repeated goodness, O Lord, work in us true repentance; that iniquity may not be our ruin: And increase in us more and more a lively faith and love, fruitful in all holy obedience; that thou mayest still continue thy favour, with the light of thy Gospel, to us and our posterity for evermore: and that for thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirits. *Amen.*

SATURDAY EVENING.

Confession.

O GOD, in whose hand is our life, We acknowledge that we have greatly wasted and misused the time and the talents with which thou hast entrusted us; And that if thou hadst dealt with us in any measure as we have deserved, Thou wouldst long ago have cut us off in thy wrath, Or utterly removed from us the means of grace and salvation. But thou art longsuffering towards us, O God, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, And let thy longsuffering lead us to repentance: And show us, we beseech thee, thy ways, and teach us thy paths, That we may amend our lives according to thy Holy Word, And may henceforth redeem the time spent in vanity and sin, To thy honour and glory, and our own everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Remission of Sins.

O GOD, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive, receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us; for the honour of Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

M. O Lord, open Thou our lips.

A. *And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.*

¶ *Here all shall stand up.*

A Hymn of Praise.

M. The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

A. *He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.*

M. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

A. *Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.*

M. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

A. *But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

M. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

A. *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.*

Or this,—One line by the Master, and the other by the Family.

Resting from His work, the Lord,
Spake, to-day, the hallowing word :
And, His wondrous labours done,
Now, the Everlasting Son,
Gave to heaven and earth the sign
Of a wonder more divine.

Resting from His work, to-day,
In the tomb the Saviour lay,
His sacred form from head to feet,
Swathed in the winding sheet,
Lying in the rock alone,
Hid behind the sealed stone.

All that seventh day long, I ween,
Mournful watch'd the Magdalene,

Rising early, resting late,
By the sepulchre to wait,
In the holy garden glade,
Where her buried Lord was laid.

So with Thee, till life shall end,
I would solemn vigil spend ;
Let me shew Thee, Lord a shrine,
In this rocky heart of mine,
Where in pure embalmèd cell
None but Thou mayest ever dwell.

Myrrh and spices I will bring,
My poor affection's offering ;
Close the door from sight and sound
Of the busy world around,
And in patient watch remain,
Till my Lord appear again.

Still with Thee their Sabbath keep,
They who 'neath the altar sleep ;
Scarce a day perchance doth seem,
The time of their unbodied dream,
'Twixt their rest from labour past,
And their waking at the last.

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n's triumphant host
And suffering saints on earth adore,
Be glory ; as in ages past,
As now it is, and so shall last,
When time itself must be no more.

Collects and Prayers.

(*All kneeling, and the Person Officiating first saying, Let us Pray.*)

I.—FOR THE RIGHT USE OF THE LORD'S DAY.

MOST Gracious God, who hast given us Thy Holy Sabbaths, teach us, we beseech Thee, so to employ them in Thy worship and service, as to prepare for that rest, where we shall day and night, without ceasing, offer unto Thee the sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving, to the glory of Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.—INTERCESSION.

WE call to mind, O God, before thy throne of grace, all who are near and dear to us, and all for whom we are bound to pray, beseeching Thee to remember them for good, and to supply, as may be most expedient for them, all their desires and wants. And we commend to thy mercy all who have wronged us, whether by word or deed, beseeching Thee to forgive them all their sins, and to bring them together with us to thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.—COMMENDATORY.

ACCEPT, O merciful Father, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for all the mercies of the past week, and of our past lives. To Thee we owe all

we are, and all we have, and we beseech Thee to keep us this night in safety under the shadow of Thy wings, and so to prepare us both in soul and body for the duties of the Lord's day, that we may sanctify it by a holy rest, and may rise with Christ to-morrow unto newness of life, through Him who died, and was buried, and rose again for us, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or,

FINALLY, O Lord, we beseech Thee to be within us to strengthen us, without us to watch us, above us to protect us, beneath us to support us, before us to conduct us, behind us to recall us, round about us to fortify us; that we, being saved and defended in all dangers ghostly and bodily, and being kept from all sin and wickedness, and from our ghostly enemy, and from everlasting death, may diligently serve Thee here with a meek and quiet spirit, and receive the inheritance of everlasting rest and peace in Thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Benediction.

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

SPECIAL PSALMS, HYMNS, AND
PRAYERS,

UPON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

¶ *The Psalm or Hymn is to be employed instead of the Hymn of Praise for the Day of the Week. The Prayer to be substituted for the First Collect.*

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Psalms.

PSALM XXXIX.

M. I said I will take heed to my ways: that I offend not in my tongue.

A. *I will keep my mouth as it were with a bridle: while the ungodly is in my sight.*

M. I held my tongue and spake nothing: I kept silence, yea, even from good words: but it was pain and grief to me.

A. *My heart was hot within me, and while I was thus musing the fire kindled: and at the last I spake with my tongue.*

M. Lord, let me know mine end, and the number of my days: that I may be certified how long I have to live.

A. *Behold, thou hast made my days as it were a span long: and mine age is even as nothing in respect of thee: and verily every man living is altogether vanity.*

M. For man walketh in a vain shadow, and disquieteth himself in vain : he heapeth up riches, and cannot tell who shall gather them.

A. *And now, Lord, what is my hope : truly my hope is even in thee.*

M. Deliver me from all mine offences : and make me not a rebuke unto the foolish.

A. *I became dumb and opened not my mouth : for it was thy doing.*

M. Take thy plague away from me : I am even consumed by the means of thy heavy hand.

A. *When thou with rebukes dost chasten man for sin, thou makest his beauty to consume away, like as it were a moth fretting a garment : every man therefore is but vanity.*

M. Hear my prayer, O Lord, and with thine ears consider my calling : hold not thy peace at my tears.

A. *For I am a stranger with thee : and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.*

M. O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength : before I go hence, and be no more seen.

A. *Glory be to the Father and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;*

M. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Or this,—PSALM XC.

M. Lord, thou hast been our refuge: from one generation to another.

A. *Before the mountains were brought forth: or ever the earth and the world were made: that art God from everlasting, and world without end.*

M. Thou turnest man to destruction: again thou sayest, Come again, ye children of men.

A. *For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday: seeing that is past as a watch in the night.*

M. As soon as thou scatterest them they are even as a sleep: and fade away suddenly like the grass.

A. *In the morning it is green, and groweth up: but in the evening it is cut down, dried up, and withered.*

M. For we consume away in thy displeasure: and are afraid at thy wrathful indignation.

A. *Thou hast set our misdeeds before thee: and our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.*

M. For when thou art angry all our days are gone: we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told.

A. *The days of our age are threescore years and ten; and though men be so strong that they come to fourscore years: yet is their strength then but labour and sorrow; so soon passeth it away, and we are gone.*

M. But who regardeth the power of thy wrath : for even thereafter as a man feareth, so is thy displeasure.

A. *So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.*

M. Turn thee again, O Lord, at the last : and be gracious unto thy servants.

A. *O satisfy us with thy mercy, and that soon : so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.*

M. Comfort us again now after the time that thou hast plagued us : and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

A. *Shew thy servants thy work : and their children thy glory.*

M. And the glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us : prosper thou the work of our hands upon us, O prosper thou our handy-work.

A. *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost ;*

M. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

Prayers.

I.

O LORD God, in whose sight a thousand years are but as yesterday ; from everlasting to everlasting thou art God. We bless thy Holy Name that thou hast brought us in safety to the beginning of another year. Give us, we beseech thee, a due sense of thy goodness, and grant us grace to begin this year with hearty repentance for the sins of the past, and with steadfast resolution to lead a new life. O Lord, pardon all our misspent time, and make us diligent in duly improving that which is to come ; that so being made wise unto salvation, we may consider in this our day the things that belong unto our peace, and pass the residue of our life in the comfortable hope of a blessed Eternity ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O LORD God, who of thy great mercy hast brought us in safety to the beginning of another year ; give us, we beseech thee, a due sense of thy goodness, and grant us grace to begin this year with hearty repentance for the sins of the year past, and with steadfast resolutions of leading a new life.

O Lord, pardon all our misspent time, and make us diligent in redeeming the time to come ; that so being wise unto salvation, we may consider in this

our day the things that belong unto our peace, and pass the residue of our life in the comfortable hope of a blessed eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

ALMIGHTY God, who art the Lord of life and death, who appointest unto every man his portion of days, to be spent in doing the work of his Christian calling; we bless and praise thy holy Name, and acknowledge thy goodness, in having brought us safely to the beginning of another year.

O Lord, when thou art angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end, as it were a tale that is told. How great is thy mercy, that notwithstanding our neglect and abuse of the opportunities and seasons which have been granted to us, thou hast yet spared us for a time, and hast given us a further space for repentance!

Make us truly sensible of thy mercy, most merciful God; and give us grace to consider, that another year of our uncertain life is passed away; and that we are so much nearer to judgment. Let us in good earnest set about the work of preparation for death, that, when the Lord cometh, he may find us so doing.

If it please thee to spare us yet another year, make us diligent and careful to redeem the time, and to spend our days in thy service: that at the end of them, and at the Great Day of Account, we may not be found to have wasted or misused a precious talent.

O Lord, it is with thee to dispose our hearts to thy service, as it is to lengthen our days : be pleased to make us wise unto salvation ; that we may consider, while it is yet day, the things that belong unto our peace ; and that we may, by the help of the Holy Spirit, pass this year, and all the years we have yet to live, in the comfortable hope of a blessed eternity, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR GRACE TO PERFORM RELATIVE
DUTIES AS MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY.

I.

O ETERNAL God, our heavenly Father, who alone makest men to be of one mind in an house ; Give us grace to order our lives, according to thy will in lowliness and reverence to those above us, in kindness and condescension to those beneath us, in Christian love and charity towards all ; that so, each esteeming others better than himself, we may dwell together in the unity of the Spirit, and in the bond of peace ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O GOD, who hast appointed divers ranks and orders among mankind ; Give unto us thy servants, grace to submit ourselves one to another in thy fear. Grant that those who are in authority may govern without threatening, and that those who serve

may do their duty with good will ; that so rendering unto all their dues, we may together obtain the reward of the inheritance ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, to look mercifully upon this family and household, and to pour thy blessing upon all its members. Grant to us severally such measures of thy grace as may fit us for the duties of our respective stations. Make us respectful to our superiors, friendly to our equals, kind and considerate to the poor and needy, charitable and forgiving to those who do us wrong. Make us to be a household fearing thee, and abounding more and more in love towards thee, and in devotion to thy service ; that so this family may be, amongst many others, the humble means of keeping alive a spirit of piety in this kingdom and people, that thou mayest bless them, and visit them with thy salvation. And grant that having dwelt together here in thy fear and love, we may together be received into thine everlasting habitations, which thou hast prepared for thy faithful servants ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS UPON THE MARRIAGE OF ANY
MEMBER OF THE FAMILY.

I.

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast ordained the Holy Estate of Matrimony for the setting forth of thy

glory, and the mutual help and comfort of thy creatures ; Send thy blessing, we humbly beseech thee, upon thy servants who shall this day be [*or*, who have this day been] joined together according to the solemn ordinances of thy Church ; and grant that they, ever remembering the vow and covenant which they shall this day make [*or*, have this day made] in thy sight, may be strengthened by thy grace to fulfil the same. Look mercifully upon them from heaven and bless them, that ever obeying thy will, and being in safety under thy protection, they may abide in thy love until their lives' end, and in the world to come may be partakers of thine everlasting glory ; through Jesus Christ, thine only Son, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

II.

O ALMIGHTY Lord God, Who hast this day joined together Thy servants *M.* and *N.* in Holy Matrimony ; be merciful unto them, O Lord, and bless them ; that being more and more united to one another in thy dear Son, they may serve Thee in all holy fear and love, and living together as heirs of the same grace, may become meet for the inheritance of the Saints in glory. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

PRAYERS UPON THE BIRTH OF A CHILD.

I.

O GOD, who hast taught us that children and the fruit of the womb are an heritage and gift that

cometh of thee ; We give Thee humble thanks for that Thou hast vouchsafed to deliver Thy servant (the mistress of this family) from the great pain and peril of child-birth. Continue thy loving-kindness unto her ; preserve and strengthen her in her present need. And grant that the Infant thus brought into this sinful world may be devoted to Thee in Thy Holy Sacrament of Baptism ; and that being regenerated by Thy Spirit, and adopted into Thy Family, *he* may live to Thy glory, and the comfort of *his* Parents ; and having adorned the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things, may finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life ; through the merits of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O LORD God, Who hast taught us that children are an heritage and gift that cometh of Thee ; we yield Thee hearty thanks for that Thou hast graciously permitted this child to be born into the world ; and we beseech Thee, O Lord, to suffer *him* to be brought to Thee, that *he* may receive remission of *his* sins by spiritual regeneration ; that so being baptized with water and the Holy Ghost, and received into Christ's holy Church, *he* may be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, to the praise of Thy most holy Name ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

PRAYERS UPON THE BAPTISM OF A CHILD.

I.

O LORD Jesu Christ, who didst Thyself most lovingly receive the children that were brought unto Thee, and didst command Thy Disciples to go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit ; We beseech Thee to have mercy upon the Infant which is this day to be brought to Thy Holy Baptism. Grant that being baptized with the Holy Ghost, received into Thy Holy Church, and made a lively member of the same, *he* may so pass the waves of this troublesome world, that finally *he* may come to the land of everlasting life ; through Thy merits, O Blessed Lord, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II.

O ALMIGHTY God and heavenly Father, Who hast vouchsafed that this Infant should be born again of Water and of the Holy Ghost ; prosper, we beseech Thee, the gracious work which Thou hast begun in *him* ; and so daily renew *him* by Thy grace, that *he* may withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil ; and having had part in the first regeneration, may also be a partaker of the second, to live and reign with Thee for ever and ever ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING ON THE SAME OCCASION.

III.

ALMIGHTY God and Heavenly Father, who hast vouchsafed this day to regenerate by Thy Holy Spirit the Infant presented unto Thee, to receive *him* for Thine own child by adoption, and to incorporate *him* into Thy Holy Church; We render Thee most humble and hearty thanks for these Thy great mercies. Prosper, we beseech Thee, the gracious work which Thou hast begun in *him*, that *he* may continue Thine for ever, and daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit until *he* come unto thine everlasting glory. Grant, also, that *his* Parents and sureties may remember the solemn vow, promise and profession which has this day been made in *his* behalf; and so train *him* in thy faith and fear, that finally *he* may be an inheritor of Thine everlasting Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS BEFORE AND AFTER CONFIRMATION.

I.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, who makest us to will and to do those things which be good and acceptable unto Thy Divine Majesty; We make our humble supplication unto Thee for thy servant who is shortly about to renew (*or*, who has this day renewed) the Covenant of *his* Baptism. Grant that henceforth *he* may not be ashamed to confess the Faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight

under His banner, against sin, the world, and the devil; and to continue Christ's faithful soldier and servant unto his life's end. Let Thy fatherly hand, we beseech Thee, ever be over *him*; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with *him*; and so lead *him* in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word, that in the end *he* may attain everlasting life; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

II.

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, Who hast ordained that the Bishops of Thy Church should in due season lay their hands upon Thy children and bless them; grant that all such as are come to years of discretion, and especially the *member* of this family, may approach this holy ordinance with an understanding mind and a willing heart; that so they may show forth the fruits of their regeneration in a good profession, and being strengthened with might by the Spirit in the inner man, may be confirmed in all holy resolutions, to the fulfilment of their vows and the furtherance of Thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

O LORD God and Heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks that it hath pleased Thee of Thy great goodness to hear the vows of *this* Thy *servant* and to lay Thy fatherly Hand upon *him*; and we

most humbly beseech Thee, that *he*, with all those who have been now strengthened by Thy grace in the laying on of hands, may become worthy partakers of Thy holy Table; and being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of Thy truth, may be made meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the Saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK.

I.

O HEAVENLY Father, who in Thy wisdom knowest what is best for us, and layest sickness on us for our good to humble and to prove us; we acknowledge it to be of Thy fatherly goodness that Thy *servant*, for whom our prayers are desired, is now lying under great sickness of body. O Lord, remember *him* in this *his* time of need; create in *him* a hearty repentance for all *his* sins past, and sincere resolutions of amendment of life for the time to come. Deliver *him* from all frowardness and impatience; supply *him* with devout and holy thoughts; and give *him* an entire resignation to Thy blessed will; and if it seem good in Thy sight, prosper, we beseech Thee, the means that are used for *his* recovery; that *he* may feel the blessing and loving-kindness of the Lord in the renewal of *his* health, and living unto Thee may learn to praise Thee and Thy goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O LORD, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, look with pity upon the sick member of this family, bless the means that are used for *his* recovery, give *him* patience under *his* trial, and if it be Thy good pleasure restore him to health. But above all, we pray that this visitation may tend to *his* soul's health, fitting him for an everlasting life with Thee and Thy holy angels and saints in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

I.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Who bringest down to the grave and bringest up again; we bless Thy great goodness for having turned our heaviness into joy and our mourning into gladness. Blessed be Thy name for that Thou didst not forsake Thy *servant* our dear *brother* in *his* sickness, but didst visit *him* with comforts from above, didst support *him* in patience and submission to Thy will, and didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech Thee, this Thy mercy towards *him*; that being restored to health, *he* may go to Thine house and offer Thee an oblation with great gladness: and that evermore praising Thee in this world, *he* may in the world to come obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

II.

O LORD God, to whom belong the issues of life and death; we thank Thee for Thy great mercies towards Thy servant lately raised from the bed of sickness. Grant, O Lord, to *him* and to us such a sense of Thy goodness, as may lead us to dedicate ourselves, souls, and bodies, to Thy service all the rest of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

III.

O MOST great and merciful God, who bringest down to the grave, and bringest up again; We bless Thy great and wonderful goodness for having turned our heaviness into joy, and our mourning into gladness, by restoring thy servant to some degree of *his* former health. Blessed be Thy Name, that thou didst not forsake *him* in *his* sickness; but didst visit *him* with comforts from above, supporting *him* in patience and submission to Thy will; and at length didst send *him* seasonable relief. Perfect, we beseech Thee, this Thy mercy towards *him*, and prosper the means which shall be used for *his* further cure; that being restored to health of body, strength of mind, and cheerfulness of spirit, *he* may be able to go to Thy house, and there to bless Thy Holy Name for all Thy goodness towards *him*; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, to whom with Thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

IV.

O GOD, who art the Giver of life, of health, and of safety; We bless thy Name that thou hast been pleased to deliver from *his* bodily sickness thy servant, who desires now, [*being permitted again to join with us,*] to return *his* humble and hearty thanksgiving to thee. Gracious art thou, O Lord, and full of compassion to the children of men. May *his* heart be duly impressed with a sense of thy merciful goodness, and may *he* devote the residue of *his* days to thy glory, by a humble, holy, and obedient life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MEDICAL ADVICE.

O GRACIOUS God and Father, who in the midst of judgment rememberest mercy, we call upon thee in behalf of thy suffering servant at this hour of *his* greatest need. Thou hast enabled man to discover remedies for our sorest diseases, and given him skill to apply the same. Grant thine especial blessing, we beseech thee, upon the means now used for the relief of *him* for whom our prayers are offered up, that they may be effectual to *his* recovery. Thou knowest our frame, thou rememberest that we are but dust. Have compassion therefore upon *him*, we pray thee, in his weakness; support *him* with a steadfast trust in thy mercy, and strengthen *him* to endure patiently whatsoever trial thou shalt appoint. And grant, we beseech thee, both to *him* and us,

that the pains and miseries to which we are liable in this mortal state may increase our sympathy for each other, may teach us to weep with those that weep, and may raise our thoughts and affections to that world, where there shall be no more pain. We ask this for the merits, and through the mediation, of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DOMESTIC TRIAL.

I.

O MERCIFUL God and heavenly Father, who hast invited us to call upon thee in the hour of trial, and hast graciously promised to hear us; Mercifully incline thine ear unto us, who now offer our prayers unto thee. Thou hast taught us in thy Holy Word, that thou dost not willingly afflict the children of men, but chastenest them for their profit; look with pity, O Lord, upon us; remember us in mercy; sanctify thy fatherly correction to us; endue our souls with patience and resignation to thy blessed will; comfort us with the light of thy countenance; and in thine own good time grant us a happy issue out of all our trouble, through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O MERCIFUL God and Heavenly Father, who hast taught us in Thy Holy Word that Thou dost not willingly afflict the children of men, but chastisest them for their profit; look with pity, we

beseech Thee, on Thy *servant* for whom our prayers are desired. Remember *him*, O Lord, in mercy ; sanctify Thy fatherly correction to *him* ; endue *his* soul with patience under *his* affliction, and with resignation to Thy blessed will ; comfort *him* with a sense of Thy goodness ; lift up Thy countenance upon *him*, and give *him* peace ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

DEATH.

O GOD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, so that when thou speakest the word, we turn again to our dust, and all our thoughts perish ; We humble ourselves under thy mighty hand, which we acknowledge to be upon us at this season. We adore thy majesty and submit to thy providence ; we revere thy justice, and magnify thy mercy. Thou hast released thy servant from the miseries of this sinful world, and left us in sorrow and sadness ! thou hast taken *him* to thyself, and left us to lament *his* departure. Sustain the souls of thy servants, we pray thee ; and quicken us to run with patience the race that is set before us, in a lively hope of that day, when, with the whole company of thine elect, we may enjoy our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thine eternal and everlasting glory. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of Him, who died, and rose again for us, and who ever liveth at thy right hand to make intercession for us, even Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *To be used every Morning and Evening from the Day of the Death of any Member of the Family till the Day of the Funeral.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, hear the prayers of Thy afflicted servants, and with Thine ears consider our calling. Hold not, we beseech Thee, Thy peace at our tears, but satisfy us with Thy mercy, and show us thy work. Teach us neither to despise Thy chastisements, nor to faint under Thy rebukes; but with all lowliness and meekness, patience and resignation, to be content to do Thy will, and considering our latter end, to commit our souls unto Thee in well doing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *To be used on the Morning of the Funeral.*

O LORD, Who hast been pleased that the spirit of our dear brother should return unto Thee; grant that we sorrow not this day as others who have no hope; but in the blessed assurance that *his* spirit is at rest, and that *his* corruptible body shall put on incorruption, may comfort one another with the hope of everlasting life, there to reign with Thy dear Son, in the perfect communion of all Saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *To be used on the Evening of the day of the Funeral.*

O ALMIGHTY God, who didst by thy Spirit raise up Thy Son Jesus Christ from the dead,

and hast promised to quicken our mortal bodies by the same Spirit; we yield Thee hearty thanks that we have this day committed the body of our dear *brother* to the ground in full assurance of hope that it will be raised in incorruption; and we most humbly beseech Thee to grant, that leaving the whole body of sin, and rising again unto newness of life, we may be kept by Thy power through faith unto salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD IN CHRIST.

¶ *To be used on the Anniversary of a Death.*

O LORD, Who hast taught us not only to pray, but to give thanks, for all men; we beseech Thee to accept our unfeigned thanks and praises for the grace Thou hast wrought in Thy Saints, and through them bestowed upon Thy holy Church from the beginning of the world. For all these Thy servants, who have departed this life with the seal of faith, we praise and magnify Thy glorious Name; most humbly desiring of Thy mercy and goodness that we may continue in their holy communion, and that following with all diligence their good examples, we may together with them attain to the resurrection of the just, and have our perfect consummation of bliss, in body and soul, in Thy kingdom of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYER BEFORE A JOURNEY.

ALMIGHTY God, Who fillest all things with Thy Presence, and art a God afar off as well as

near at hand ; we humbly beseech Thee to give Thy holy Angels charge concerning *this Thy servant*, now setting forth on *his* journey. Preserve *him* by Thy grace from all the temptations to which *he* may be exposed in those places and companies whither *his* occasions may lead *him* ; and protect *him* in *his* going out and coming in from all other dangers and evil accidents ; that being prospered on *his* journey and brought back in safety with Thy favour and blessing, *he* may keep Thy great goodness in remembrance, and serve Thee faithfully all the days of *his* life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THANKSGIVING FOR A SAFE RETURN FROM A
JOURNEY.

ALMIGHTY God, Who savest our life from destruction, and crownest us with mercy and loving-kindness, we give Thee humble thanks that Thou hast brought *this Thy servant* safe to the end of *his* journey ; make *him* truly thankful for this Thy mercy towards *him*, that walking before Thee in all holiness and righteousness, *he* may show forth Thy praise all the days of *his* pilgrimage on the earth ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FINIS.

